

Minutes of Waikato Hockey Umpires Committee Meeting

12 November 2019

Gallagher Hockey Centre 6.30pm

Umpires AGM

Tuesday 10 December 2019

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PRESENT Rhys McLachlan (Chairman), Brett Sanders (WHA), Des Meads, Liam Nicholas, Bruce Rosemergy (Sec) .

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Approved Liam N / Rhys M

MATTERS ARISING

Discussion followed concerning the lack of concussion injury information. This follows a presentation by WHA to a previous umpire's meeting .

Outcome: Relevant information and the requirements for umpires will now be presented to Umpires and Clubs in 2020.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **MENTORING REPORT** Bevan Nichol provided a very comprehensive report outlining the mentoring activities of the local mentor umpires. Bevan presented results of mentoring assistance to umpires officiating on Wednesday and Friday night school games across several grades.
2. Other outcomes of the mentoring groups activities included:
 - a. advice and guidance to WHA regarding potential umpire appointments to tournaments
 - b. mentor observation covered 74 games and included the associated follow up mentoring
 - c. some umpires were nominated to HNZ tournaments. Subsequently some of them were appointed to umpire the finals at their allocated tournaments.

Some suggestions for 2020

- improve/increase liaison regarding tournament appointments
- endeavour to increase the number of mentors

Bevan's Evaluation of the mentoring:

1. A successfully introductory season of mentoring
2. Mentors were reimbursed
3. Proposed that mentoring umpires be secured earlier in the season
4. Mentoring in 2020 will target all grades of hockey ie.. Jnr., Int, and Snr

5. Develop a Register of Umpires

JUDICIARY Waikato umpires hope WHA will adopt the type of judicial system and code developed by Wellington Hockey. Its implementation in the 2019 season was delayed here as the WHA Administration considered also introducing the so called “Blue Card” system relating to off field misconduct by teams, officials and spectators.

UMPIRING POOL

The Umpires Committee will aim to recruit umpires earlier in the 2020 season for all grades

WHA REPORT Brett Sanders reported

1. WHA administrators plan to increase the use of digital technology. For umpires this will include using it for *Score cards* - points etc - *Data Base record* - of umpires and appointments -*Umpires Register* with profiles of umpires
2. REIMBURSEMENTS for 2019 Some Umpires have still to collect their payment vouchers from WHA Office
3. Umpires Committee were urged to consider their equipment needs for 2020. eg headsets as previously discussed. **Moved “Rhys M to provide quotes to WHA for 2 sets of headsets” Rhys M/ Bruce R Carried**
4. Competition Notifications for 2020 The following developments are planned for 2020 Intermediate hockey will be 6 aside and WHA plans to incentivise schools to attend preparation sessions dealing with issues such as: skills, umpiring, coaching etc_Mini Hockey Coaching course at the beginning of the year
5. Hockey Calendar for 2020 season is being finalised in November
6. Tweaking of WHA web site is on- going and will include some restructuring of the Umpiring web site
7. WHA office re-opens 20 January 2020 after Xmas- New year closure.

THURSDAY BUSINESS HOUSE COMPETITION.

Bruce Winders reported on the umpiring issues relating to Thursday night hockey. Generally Thursday night hockey was successful with social grades playing their games before the 8pm competitive grades. The Thursday competitions are valued for their potential to: promote hockey, re-introduce adults returning to hockey, and finally it is invaluable for players and umpires to develop their skills.

TOWARDS MENTORING IN 2020

Des Meads is keen to extend and develop mentoring in schools. He has already secured support from leading HNZ international umpire Kelly Hudson and some local umpires. Des plans to visit or liaise with school hockey co-ordinators to gain their support.

NEXT MEETING

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